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SUBJECT: URUGUAYANS MISSING IN ARGENTINA

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1. (U) LABOR DELEGATION'S CLAIMS(REFTEL) ABOUT URUGUAYANS OF ITALIAN ORIGIN WHO DISAPPEARED IN EITHER URUGUAY OR ARGENTINA HAVE NOT BEEN REPORTED LOCALLY. HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF AN ORGANIZATION CALLED "MOTHERS OF URUGUAYANS DISAPPEARED IN ARGENTINA," WHICH IS APPARENTLY AFFILIATED WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION "PAZ Y JUSTICIA," SENT A NOTE TO FONMIN MAESO ON NOVEMBER 4 ASKING THE MINISTRY TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY THAT BODIES OF THEIR RELATIVES MAY BE AMONG THOSE RECENTLY DISCOVERED IN A MASS GRAVE IN ARGENTINA. THIS GROUP CLAIMED THAT MORE THAN 120 URUGUAYANS HAVE DISAPPEARED IN ARGENTINA, INCLUDING SEVEN CHILDREN AND FIVE PREGNANT WOMEN. THERE IS NO REPORT AS TO HOW MANY OF THESE PERSONS MAY BE OF ITALIAN ORIGIN.

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2. [REDACTED] REFTEL REPORTS URUGUAYAN UNIONISTS VISITING ITALY CLAIMED 134 URUGUAYANS HAD DISAPPEARED SINCE 1974.

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OF WHOM ALL BUT EIGHT WERE ARRESTED IN ARGENTINA. IN RECENT YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES WHERE "SUBVER-SIVES" DISAPPEARED IN URUGUAY, BUT WITHIN A FEW WEEKS OR MONTHS THEY HAVE TURNED UP IN PRISON.

3. (U) TRADE UNIONIST ROSARIO PETRARROIA, WHOSE RELEASE IS BEING SOUGHT BY THE FLN METALWORKERS UNION, PRESUMABLY IS ROSARIO PIETRARROIA ZAPALA, WHO WAS BORN IN MONTEVIDEO IN 1912, THE SON OF AN ITALIAN IMMIGRANT. PIETORARROIA HEADED THE URUGUAYAN METAL WORKERS UNION, WAS A LEADER OF THE NOW-OUTLAWED COMMUNIST-DOMINATED CNT LABOR CONFEDERATION, AND SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL METAL WORKERS UNION. HE JOINED THE URUGUAYAN COMMUNIST PARTY IN 1944, AND IN 1955 BECAME A MEMBER OF THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE. WE HAVE AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT HE HAS BEEN IN PRISON SINCE 1976 AND HAS MEDICAL PROBLEMS.

4. [REDACTED] JUAN ANGEL TOLEDO, THE LEADER OF THE LABOR DELEGATION MENTIONED IN REFTTEL, WAS A LEADER OF THE URUGUAYAN SOCIALIST PARTY AND OF THE CNT LABOR CONFEDERATION. WHILE OUR LAST REPORT FROM TRADE UNION SOURCES IN 1972 INDICATED HE WAS IN PRISON, HE APPARENTLY IS NOW IN EXILE.

5. [REDACTED] THE FAN FARE ABOUT ITALIANS MISSING IN ARGENTINA HAS STIMULATED INTEREST IN ROME ABOUT SIMILAR DEVELOP-MENTS IN URUGUAY. THE ITALIAN EMBASSY HERE HAS BEEN DOING SOME QUICK INVESTIGATING, BUT HAS NO INFORMATION ON RECENT "DISAPPEARANCES" OTHER THAN THE NORMAL "INCOMMUNICADO" STATUS OF RECENTLY ARRESTED INDIVIDUALS. THE ITALIAN EMBASSY HERE IS NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED

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IN MISSING PERSONS OR NATIONAL SECURITY PRISONERS HERE UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED IS AN ITALIAN CITIZEN. THE ITALIAN DCM TOLD US THAT ONLY A SMALL, ALTHOUGH UNDETERMINED, PROPORTION OF THE 120 URUGUAYANS REPORTEDLY MISSING IN ARGENTINA HAVE ANY CLAIM TO ITALIAN NATIONALITY. ARANDA

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